

Since that time, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church has played an active role in initiating and expanding a wide range of charitable and community-building activities. In addition to ministering and counseling countless members of the ministry, the church regularly hosts a variety of community gospel events. Furthermore, Parks Chapel sponsors numerous outreach activities that serve to facilitate endeavors such as the education and development of local youth, and the social reintegration of former prison inmates.

On September 5, 2004, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be celebrating its eighty-five-year anniversary in Oakland, California. I would like to mark this occasion by commending the church for the exceptional service it has provided to the community not only in its capacity as an institution of faith and worship, but also as a leader in working to provide invaluable social and charitable services to the people of Oakland. By remaining committed to the areas of leadership and service throughout its eighty-five years of ministry, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church has contributed enormously not only to the Oakland community, but also to our shared goal of world peace.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOSEPH A. JABAILY

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sadness that I rise today to remember and honor the life of Joe Jabaily, a thoughtful and dedicated community servant who will be greatly missed by his community of Loveland, Colorado. As his family and friends grieve for the passing of Joe Jabaily, I want to take a few moments to remember his service and commitment to the town and citizens of Loveland.

He began his work by opening the first neurology center in Loveland in 1983. However, the walls of Joe's neurology center could not contain his enthusiasm, love for people, and desire to make a difference for them and their community. In the 20 years that Joe lived in Loveland, he accomplished much.

Beginning in 1984 Joe served on the McKee Medical Center Continuing Education Committee, the McKee Medical Center Credentials Committee; he joined the Loveland Chamber of Commerce; and coached basketball for the Loveland Midget Athletic Association. Joe served as a Loveland Museum Commissioner as well as two terms on the Thompson School District Board of Education. He taught as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Colorado, and volunteered as a facilitator for People Offering People Support at Loveland High School. Joe served as Commissioner for the Loveland Open Space Commission. In 1997 the Jabailys were named the Volunteer Family of the Year. Joe's service continued as he volunteered for the United Way Campaign. Joe ran for the Colorado State House District 51 in 2002, and was running again for the same seat when he was involved in a tragic accident during a charity triathlon.

Joe Jabaily was known to always be there to listen, laugh, and contribute in a positive way. He enjoyed meeting people and hearing their concerns. He was known to occasionally cancel a patient's debt if they could not pay. Joe had courage, and did not hesitate to speak out for the citizens of the community. His premature death has affected the community of Loveland, Colorado, in a major way. He will be missed tremendously. I will always remember him as a man full of life, living it to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the life of this outstanding gentleman. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Joe Jabaily. May God bless his family and many friends in this time of mourning.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF HELEN K. COPLEY

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to remember the life of Helen Copley. Mrs. Copley passed away August 25, 2004. Mrs. Copley had an amazing commitment to journalism and a distinguished record of service throughout her community and the Nation.

In 1953, Helen Copley answered an ad for a secretary position at the Union-Tribune Publishing Company. She was hired as a secretary to the chief executive officer, James Copley. Twelve years later, Helen and James married. After her husband's death in 1973, many expected Helen to remain in the background, but she was determined to keep the business in family hands.

Mrs. Copley published The San Diego Union-Tribune, the third-largest newspaper in California, for nearly 30 years. The Copley Press also owns nine daily newspapers and other publications. During Mrs. Copley's tenure as publisher, her newspapers won two Pulitzer Prizes.

Helen Copley was also a model of personal involvement. She was a member of numerous local organizations, including the board of the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation and was one of eight trustees appointed in 1984 to oversee the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Locally, Mrs. Copley was instrumental in securing a home for the San Diego Symphony and underwriting the library at the University of San Diego. She also helped launch the San Diego Council on Literacy in 1986.

Mr. Speaker, Helen Copley will be missed by the people of San Diego and her service to the community will not be forgotten. I also want to express my condolences to the Copley family and let them know that my thoughts and prayers are with them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I participated in two important education meetings in my dis-

trict yesterday, and missed two votes on legislation considered on the suspension calendar. As the new school year begins, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to visit with students, teachers and education administrators at the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School and the Crosby-Ironton High School concerning the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 422 to approve H.R. 4381, and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 423 to approve H.R. 4556.

HONORING LIEUTENANT ROBERT DEL SOLDI

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Robert P. Del Soldo who is celebrating his retirement from the Horsham Township Police Department after 32 years of faithful and devoted service.

Lt. Del Soldo has served in many different capacities during his tenure on the Horsham Township force, working as Patrolman, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Sergeant of Detectives. Since 1995, he has been serving the department at the rank of Lieutenant.

His dedication to the community has never faltered, even during his toughest assignments. Lt. Del Soldo has received commendations for saving an individual from a burning vehicle and for apprehending armed bank robbery suspects. In addition to his commendations, Lt. Del Soldo has undergone professional training in order to better serve his community. He has trained under the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Pennsylvania Chief of Police, Northwestern University and Penn State University.

In addition to his service to the Horsham Township community as a member of the Police Department, Lt. Del Soldo served his country honorably in the United States Air Force in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968. He and his wife Peggy are the proud parents of a son and daughter, Robert and Theresa Lynn.

Our community has been privileged to have such a devoted servant and it is my pleasure to congratulate Lieutenant Del Soldo on his retirement. I wish him all the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL JOEL C. BRADSHAW III, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw III, United States Air Force, for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the Nation as a whole, after 29 years of service in the Air Force, is to be commended.